it is estimated to be around 86 M.kgs. as against the target of 75 M.kgs.

(c) Yes, Sir, there is such fear in certain quarters.

(d) As per the return submitted to the Tobacco Board by the A.P. Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Union Ltd., a quantity of 1359.11 tons of FCV tobacco lying with them on 28-2-90.

(e) The Tobacco Board is keeping a close watch on the prices at the auctions & taking suitable action to ensure that the growers get reasonable price for their produce.

Setting up of Food Processing Industries in backward and tribal areas

2001. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) how many food processing industries are working in the country at present;

(b) how many of them are manned by local entrepreneurs;

(c) whether Government sanction any grant and subsidy to start such industry in backward areas; and

(d) if so, whether there is any such industry in any of the tribal areas of the country?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (d) Food Processing Industries are in the organised, un-organised and cooperative sectors. Information in respect of all the food processing industries in different sectors is not being maintained Centrally.

Central Government gives incentives for the development of small scale industries including food processing industries in the rural and backward areas. The main incentives are term loan, working capital at concessional rates, transport subsidy for hilly and specified areas.

Payment of HRA/CCA to Bank Employees working at Gurgaon at Delhi rates

2002. PROF. CHANDRESH P. THAKUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that employees of Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Ltd., Food Corporation of India and Central Schools etc. posted at Gurgaon are getting HRA/CCA at Delhi rates whereas employees of various banks located in Gurgaon are not being paid at that rate;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what steps Government propose to rectify the anomaly?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (c) The employees of public sector banks and those of public sector undertakings e.g. IDPL, FCI, etc. are paid pay and allowances including HRA and CCA in terms of their respective bilateral/tripartite settlements which are not identical. Hence, no rectification appears to be called for.

Supply of Water to Vishakhapatnam Steel Plant

2003. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that negotiations are going on between the Central Government and the Andhra Pradesh State Government in regard to supply of water to the Vishakhapatnam Steel Plant; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) and (b) Andhra Pradesh Government has undertaken the construction of a canal for supply of water to Vishakhapatnam Steel Plant from river Yeleru. The question of containing delay in the completion of this canal has all along been the subject matter of dis-

cussion and correspondence between Central Government and State Government. The progress on Yeleru canal was critically reviewed in recent meetings held with the State Government. As a result, a 3-member Task Force, comprising of one representative each of Central Government, State Government and VSP was set up on 22-1-90 to ensure completion of the balance works as fast as possible.

Duty reduction on import of finished graphic films

2004. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons for duty reduction to the extent of 50 per cent on import of finished graphic art films in 1989 while the import duty on raw materials (Jumbo rolls) was retained at 146 per cent; and

(b) what are the names and addresses of the importers who had imported the graphic art films at the reduced duty for the equipments for processing graphic art films?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) The rate of import duty on graphic art film was reduced to 40 per cent made in last year's budgets as a concession to the newspaper industry.

(b) Information regarding names and address of the persons who had imported graphic art film at the reduced rates, which is likely to be voluminous, is available in the Daily Lists publshed by the Custom Houses.

Duty reduction on import of Jumbo Rolls by Hindustan Photo Film Manufacturing Company Limited

2005. SHRI VALAMPURI JOHN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the basis on which duty reduction on import of jumbo rolls by Hindustan Photo Film Manufacturing Company Ltd. was made;

(b) on what basis this duty reduction was made applicable to private units who had not been paying excise duties and sales tax;

(c) what is the extent of excise duties and sales tax paid by Hindustan Photo Film Manufacturing Company Ltd. during the last five years and what is the amount of exemption enjoyed by the private sector units by non-payment of excise duties and sales tax; and

(d) what were the production and profits made by different private sector units engaged in the slitting and confectioning of photo sensitised goods from imported jumbo rolls?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b) Concessional rates of import duty on jumbo rolls of specified photographic or cinematographic materials are available to all imports holding industrial licences under the Industries Development and Regulation) Act, 1951 for slitting and confectioning of photo-sensitised materials from jumbo rolls.

(c) and (d) The amounts paid by Hindusthan Photo Films Manufacturing Company Limited by way of central excise duty and sales tax during the last five years are as follows:—

(Rs. in lakhs)

Year	Central Excise duty	Sales Tax
1984–85 . .	611	1091
1985–86. . .	729	1092
1986–87. . .	702	1210
1987–88. . .	823	1317
1988–89. . .	844	1263

As regards the amount of exemption enjoyed by the private sector units by non-payment of excise duty and sales tax, presumably the reference is to units not paying excise duty or sales tax, but